



Attorney Docket No. 24702

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

STEINHILBER, et al.

Serial No. 09/889,348

Group Art Unit: 1653

Filed: September 26, 2001

Examiner: SCHNIZER, H.

For: **RECOMBINANT SP-A FOR THE TREATMENT OR PREVENTION OF PULMONARY INFECTION AND INFLAMMATION**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated December 15, 2004. The three-month shortened statutory period for response expired on March 15, 2005. Accordingly, a Petition for Three (3)-Month Extension of Time is enclosed herewith, extending the due date of the Response to June 15, 2005. As such, this Response is timely filed within the time period set by the Examiner.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 5-6, 8, 13, 15-17 and add new claims 18-29 as set forth in Appendix A, attached herewith.